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Cc: [Gregg Dempsey/LV/USEPA/US@EPA](#); [william bowling](#)
Subject: Fwd: SSMAC requests TASC & EEI services
Date: 08/09/2009 09:10 AM
Attachments: [SSMAC2TASC&EEI.doc](#)

This is very disappointing but not unexpected, as Mr David Cooper and the TASC program staff have continued to promote and present the TASC program monthly to SSMAC despite the decision to "not move forward" by EPA and seemed to feel it was more important to show how successful TASC might be, than the potential division of the community, as is happening now.

"add to our fund of general knowledge about the actual dangers of radiation." These people will be looking for EPA to prove it wasn't Santa Susana, but other places in other towns that got them sick so that West Hills can remain contamination free community. How can we make sure that it isn't mis-used for that purpose?

Archaeological evaluation of key properties? I would like your assurance that the concept of TASC is still true in that it DOES NOT create new data of any kind, and can only interpret existing data using independent consultation chosen by EPA? Right? So for any archaeological oversight during the sampling, background or onsite work, the only involvement they will have will be to interpret those reports AFTER they are completed so that this group may understand the reports.

Nature of Hazards - again, must be existing data that they interpret for the West Hills people?

Focus on specific health risks and malignancies - it is not the business of TASC to determine what might be caused by SSFL or not. This must also include the interpretation of EXISTING DATA only. In addition, with every epidemiological study that has been done by UCLA or other scientific institutions, there has been a counter-study by Boeing/Rocketdyne to prove the opposite. In this case, I ask for your assurance that for any study they wish to have interpreted, the counter study (done for the community) will also be "interpreted" along side. This is crucial in order to avoid the WHNC people from continuing with the "there was no meltdown" propaganda they have already begun with. This is also true for the SSFL Panel Study that Rowe has been trying to debunk for a long time and has been harassing the scientists from University of Michigan and the Retinoblastoma Moms for years now. She has gone so far as to go to Children's Hospital and try to get confidential records by talking to the nurses and other staff who deal with the children, claiming that she has the same anesthesiologist (trying to gain medical information on the children with cancer including where they live). I know this for a fact because she initially led them to believe she was Christina Walsh, not Christine Rowe making the inquiries, and as a result, I received a rash of phone calls from the RB moms who were outraged at me. It was much later, after much damage to our relationship was already done, that they realized it was not me.

This is extremely disruptive and upsetting to these individuals who are focused on their children surviving very difficult medical procedures and challenges from their illnesses including living in a bubble after their immune system being blown out to try to stop the cancer. We do not want TASC to provide new legitimacy to her efforts to claim that all these cancers were caused by something else. That is not her place, nor is it yours.

LA Times OP ED by CHris Rowe says she has 20 secret scientists that all say everything else is bogus. In addition, when our interview was published about the 1959 accident, SSMAC people made claims that Gregg Dempsey "led the interview" to "trick him and lead his words" and also claimed that that we [ACME] edited the video in the same way, to make his claims more than what they were. Rowe made public claims that Mr. Pace was not a reactor operator but only a janitor and should not be listened to. This effort to discredit a very brave man who chose to share his knowledge about the 1959 meltdown was malicious and damaging to the ability for others to come forward and I do not want EPA to be used or to have this reputation of "dispelling the meltdown." That would be counter-productive when we need the community to finally have some trust with EPA. Based on the recent articles and incessant blogging to damage the reputations of anyone who comes forward outside of the Rowe/SSMAC group, damages the ability for new people to come forward without feeling like their character will be attacked in public. In addition, any effort to spend time discussing or interpreting the word "meltdown" to further dispel or minimize the potential impacts from the SSFL is INAPPROPRIATE and is not the job of TASC. This [TASC] may NOT be used to further this view on behalf of Rowe and Wiseman or of WHNC/SSMAC. This would be ENTIRELY inappropriate and unacceptable. Any request to provide interpretation of the Rowe-20 scientists claim that they whole thing is a fake, or any part of that effort by SSMAC/WHNC MUST include our scientists/workers as well. We have a new worker we are interviewing and working with. He worked in all areas of the site and did so over the course of 28 years and knows of MANY illegal dumping activities, many of which, he participated in. He has first hand knowledge and we plan to learn everything we can from him. We do NOT however want to expose him to the efforts to potentially discredit him by these people. We will be attending a site visit with him this month with NASA and director of the SSFL project, Norman Riley to learn about some of the specific activities he was a part of, and would like your assurance that no such effort to discredit individuals based on their "job duties" on the part of any member of SSMAC or WHNC will be tolerated.

TASC for interpretation of terminology must NOT include any lengthy interpretation over the word, "meltdown" which might be used to further claim that no such accident happened. This is inappropriate and will not be acceptable to the rest of the community. If they wish to learn more about the accident that is great, but any effort to try to remove the word "meltdown" from association to the SRE will not be accepted.

As ACME is the only TASC written request for the SSFL project until this letter, and since we were told this would not occur unless there was some unity in community needs and interests, I hereby request to be informed and copied on any/all data they plan to interpret and to be given those documents and interpretation presented at ACME as well.

Thanks very much.

Christina

Begin forwarded message:

From: william bowling <williamprestonbowling@yahoo.com>
Date: August 9, 2009 2:26:54 AM PDT
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Subject: Fw: SSMAC requests TASC & EEI services

--- On **Sat, 8/8/09, Daniel Wiseman** <**FX-6 Personal Privacy**> wrote:

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Subject: SSMAC requests TASC & EEI services
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Cc: "DANIEL WISEMAN" <**FX-6 Personal Privacy**>
Date: Saturday, August 8, 2009, 3:30 PM

August 5, 2009

The SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN AREA COMMITTEE (SSMAC) is pleased to announce that we have received the approval of our parent organization, WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (WHNC), and will request the educational services available through the U.S. E.P.A. (T.A.S.C.) and the California E.P.A. (E.E.I).

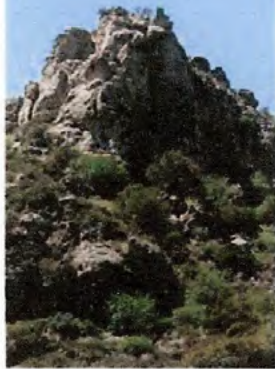
These programs will add to our fund of general knowledge of environmental conditions and principles as well as specific information on local environmental problems.

As always, all are invited to join and participate in our meetings, the last Wednesday of each month.

Thank you,

Daniel Wiseman
Chair, SSMAC

West Hills Neighborhood Council



August 5, 2009

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Dear Mr. Cooper & Ms. Lewis:

Two newly created educational opportunities were introduced and discussed at the July 22, 2009 Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee (SSMAC). After due deliberation, the SSMAC recommended: "...that we request and employ these services in our committee education and community education activities." This recommendation was passed by the WHNC Board of Directors.

1. U.S.E.P.A. Technical Assistance Services for Communities (T.A.S.C.) is an opportunity for community groups to hear from and learn about the basics and some of the technical details related to hazardous waste and the clean-up process.

Topics that SSMAC participants would like discussed include:
 - a. Interpretative summaries of technical documents.
 - b. Definitions of terms: Risk Assessment, Toxicology, RCRA Facility Investigations (RCRA FI's or RFI's)
 - c. The Nature and Hazards of alpha-, Beta- and Gamma Radiation ... Sources of each.
 - d. Focus on SPECIFIC HEALTH RISKS and CRITICAL LEVELS (Malignancies, organ damage, etc.)

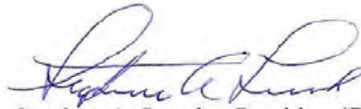
- e. Archeological Evaluation of key properties
- 2. The Cal E.P.A. Education & the Environment Initiative (E.E.I.) is a full curriculum for K-12 schools. The subjects covered for the upper grades include some of the same material as the Federal E.P.A. program, above. The EEI curriculum was created by AB1548 (2003) and AB1721 (2007). It follows California State Board of Education Guidelines to assure accurate and non-biased information.

We look forward to working with these agencies for the furtherance of our understanding of basic environmental concepts and clean-up procedures.

Sincerely,



Daniel Wiseman, Chair SSMAC
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